



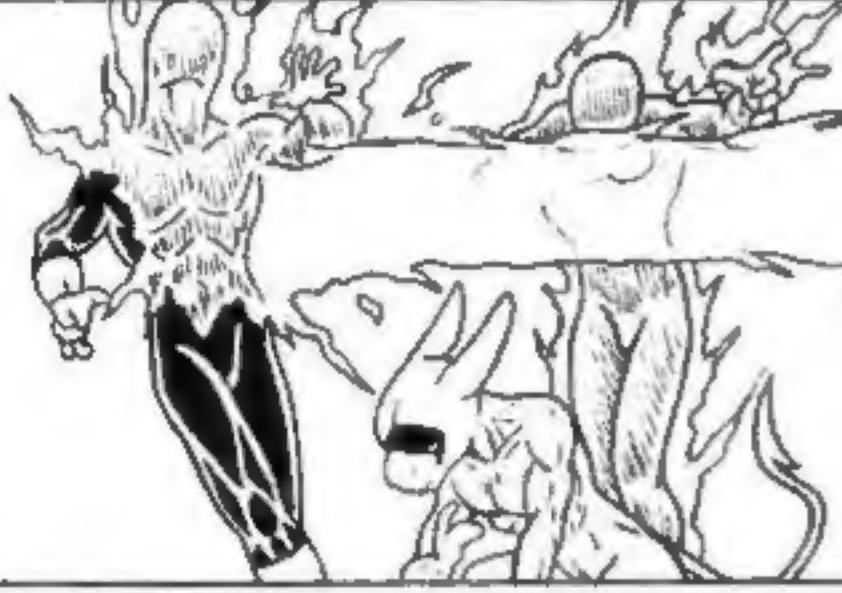
# EATIN' CHOKERS

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LAST TIME: IN AN ATTEMPT TO FREE THE PRISONERS OF THE ALIEN SLAVE COMPOUND, PHENIX AND CREW...



THEIR RESCUE ATTEMPT WAS SHORTLIVED, HOWEVER, AFTER A CONFRONTATION WITH WARFARE AND THEIR FORMER ALLIES.



...RESCUES UMNUS THE SHADOWCREEPER WHO AGREES TO JOIN THEM.



ALL SEEMS LOST WHEN A SMALL MARSUPIAL MOUSE NAMED MICRO OFFERS SCARLET AND KATHERINE THEIR FREEDOM IN RETURN FOR THE HOPE OF GOING WITH THEM.

AGREEING, MICRO RELEASES SCARLET AND KAT FROM THEIR CONTROL COLLARS JUST AS A GUARD ARRIVES.



THAT GUARD HAPPENS TO BE MAX WELL MANX KAT'S PRE-MATE.



MEANWHILE, THE OTHERS COME FACE TO FACE WITH THEIR CAPTORS LEADER, NOAH ADAM MAHN.

NOW FREE, THEY FACE THE BATTLE OF THEIR LIVES AS THE SURVIVAL OF ALDEN AND ALL OF ITS INHABITANTS RESTS SOLELY ON THEIR SHOULDERS.



AND YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD PRESSURE FILLED LIVES.

# COUNTDOWN to EXTINCTION

## PART 5

YOU HAVE FOUR MINUTES UNTIL MY ROBOTS ARE LAUNCHED AND THIS CITY BECOMES THE FIRST OF MANY TO BE DESTROYED!

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SERVE ME...

...OR DIE!

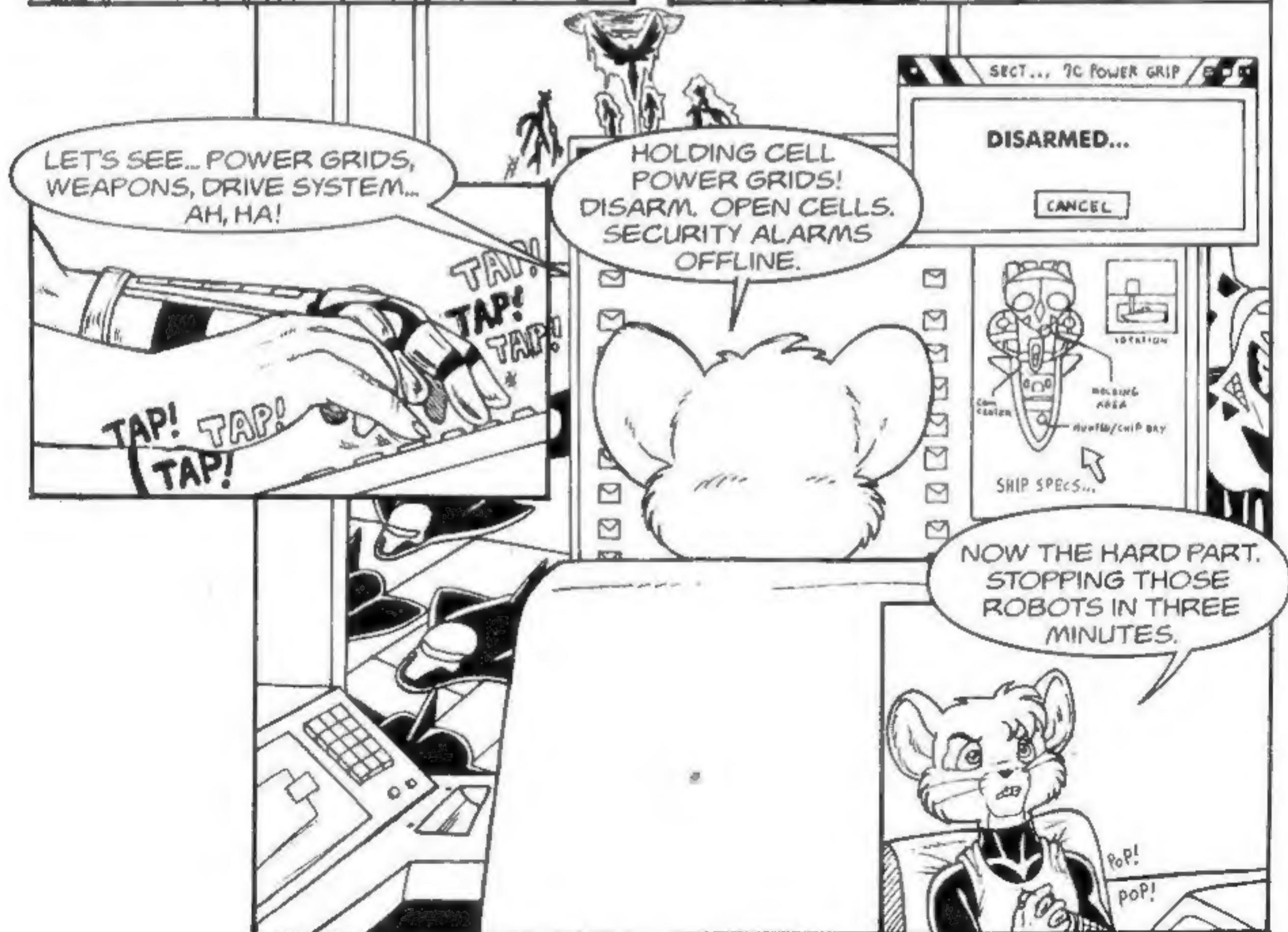
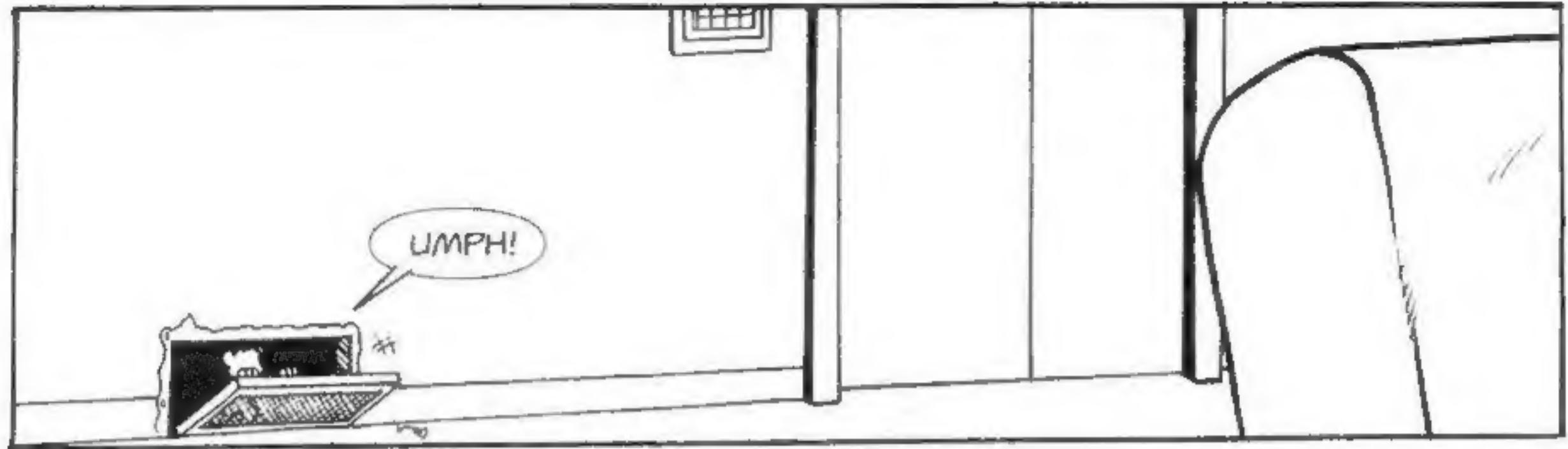
HOW ABOUT "C", FOR NONE OF THE ABOVE?

PHENIX, WE HAVE TO BUY SOME TIME. WE HAVE A FRIEND THAT CAN SHUT THE COMPUTER SYSTEMS DOWN.

GREAT! THAT'LL FREE THE SLAVES AND STOP THE ROBOTS

I HAVE AN ANSWER FOR YOU, MAHN.









SHOULD'VE LISTENED  
TO THE BIRD MUST,  
BECAUSE YOU'LL RUN  
NO FARTHER.

NOW DIE!!

GROWL!



LOVELY VOCABULARIES- WHOA!

WATCH IT!



HOW CAN WE FIGHT THEM?  
THEY'RE OUR FRIENDS..



HEY, MY TAIL!!  
NUTS TO THAT.  
I'M GONNA  
KNOCK HER  
LITTLE BLOCK  
OFF!!



CATRINA, IT'S ME, KATENNE!  
COME ON, SNAP OUT  
OF IT!

ROWL!



UH, I DON'T THINK  
SHE'S IN THE MOOD  
TO TALK, KAT.





BECAUSE, SO HELP ME,  
IF YOU EVEN SO MUCH AS  
SCENT RED....

URK!



THIS COLLAR WON'T  
BE THE ONLY THING I'LL  
RIP OFF OF YOU.

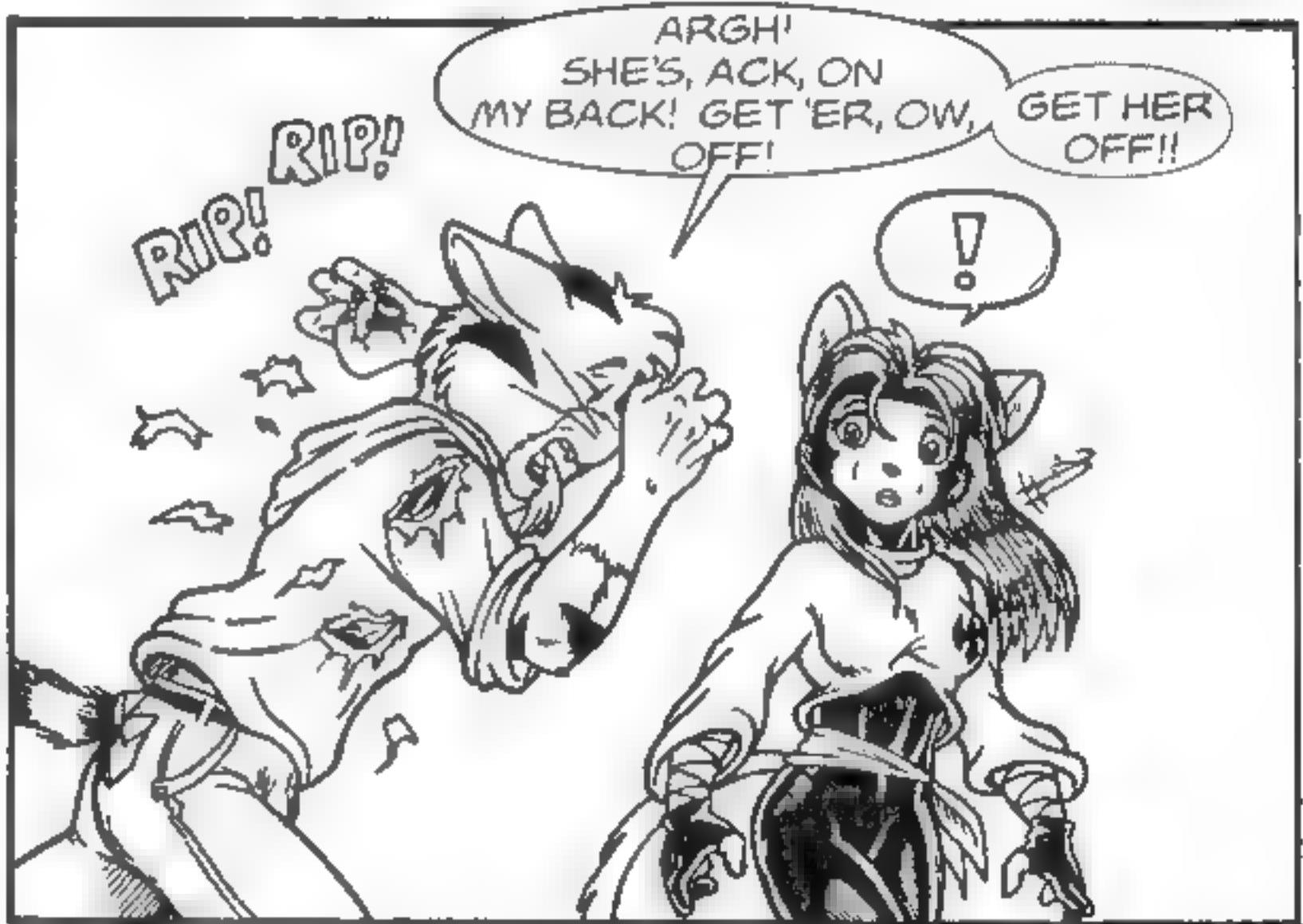


WE HAVE TO TAKE  
HIM OUT QUICK  
PHENIX.

WAY AHEAD  
OF YOU RED.









WIND  
SICKLES!

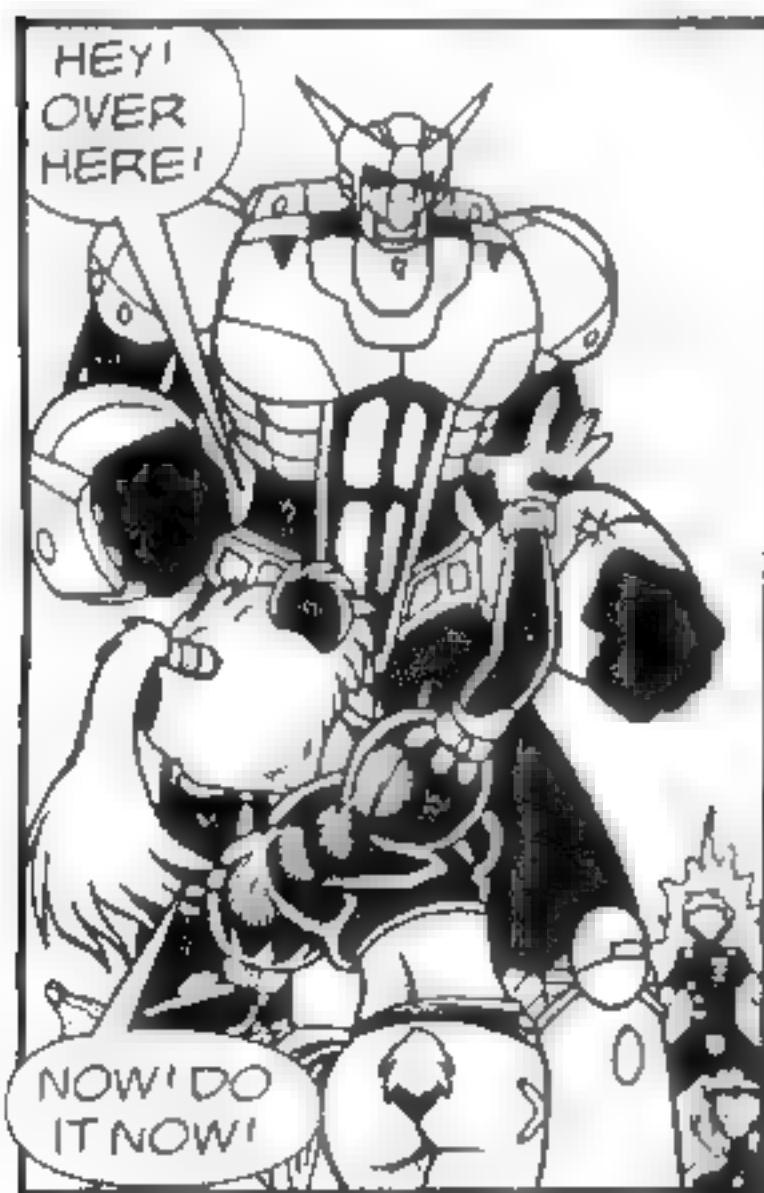
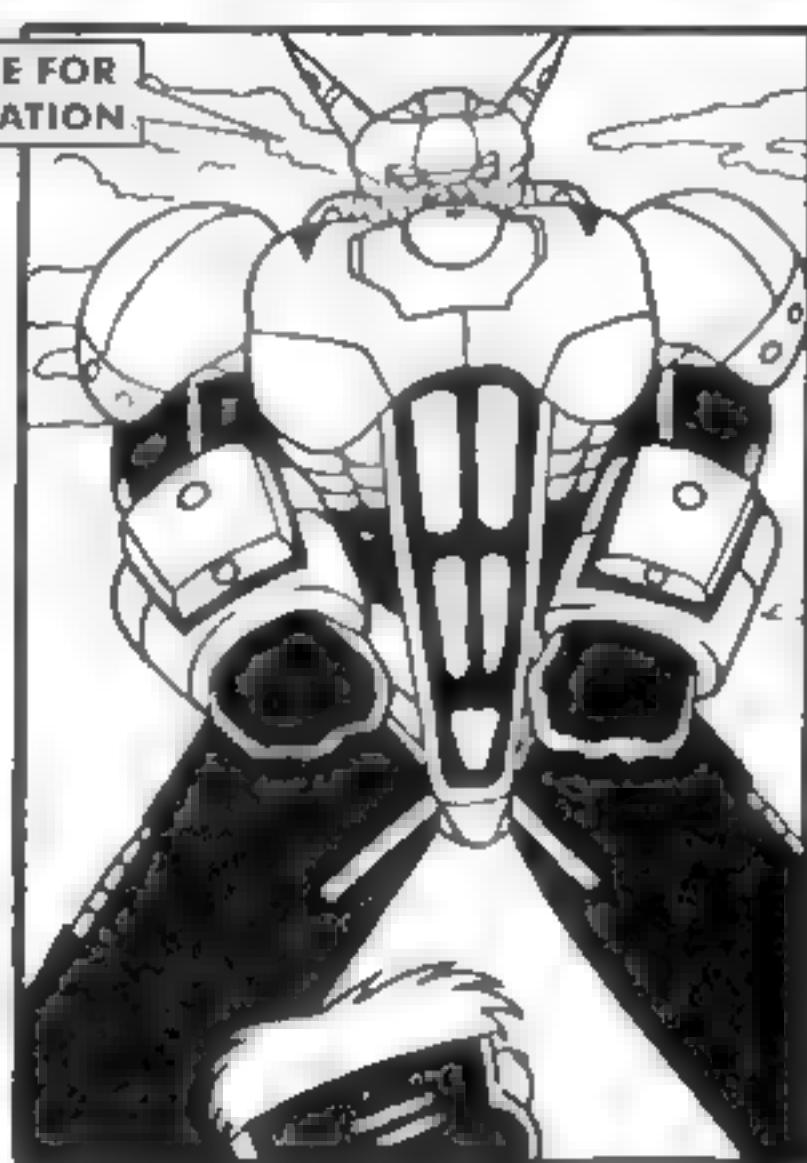
SLASH!

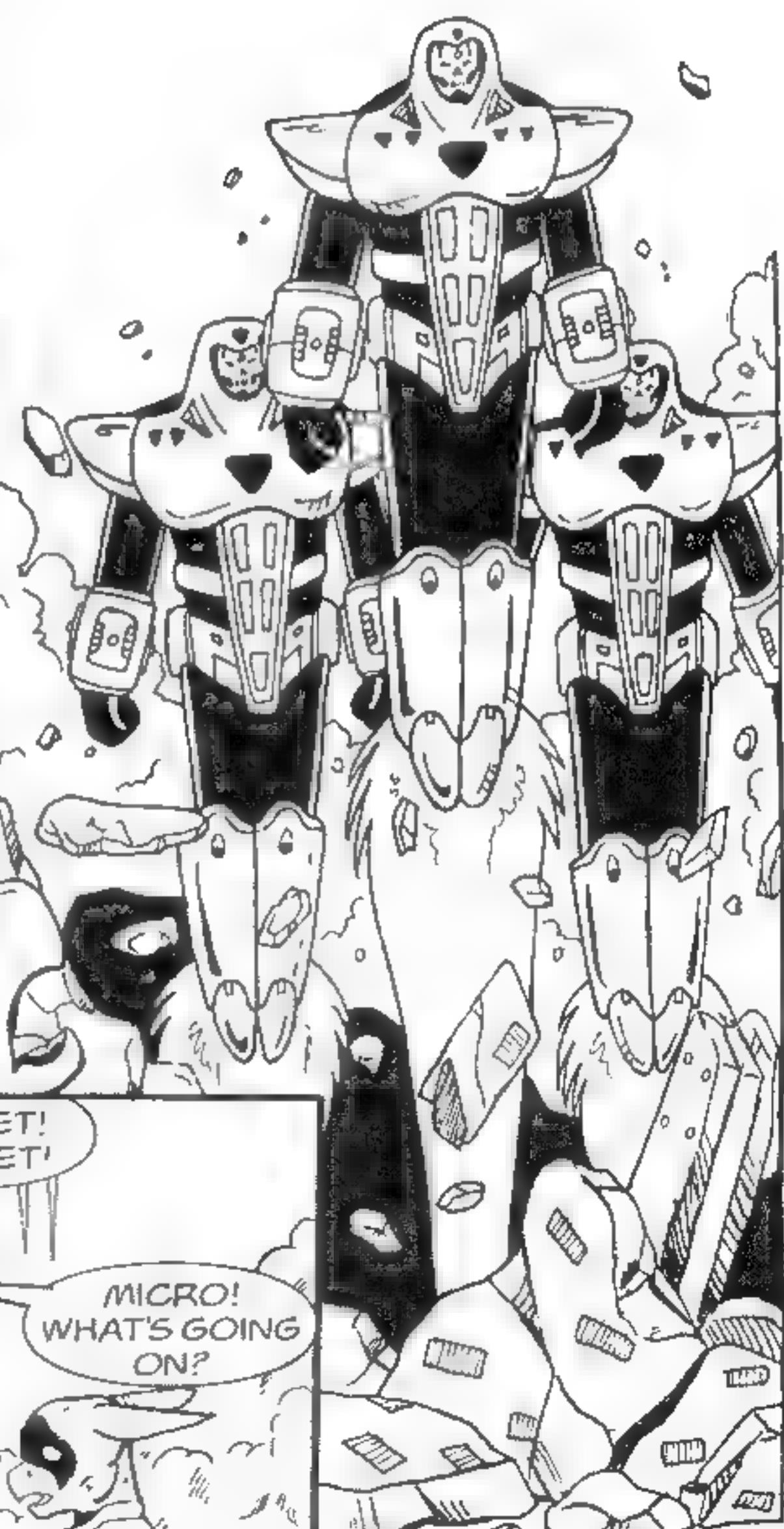
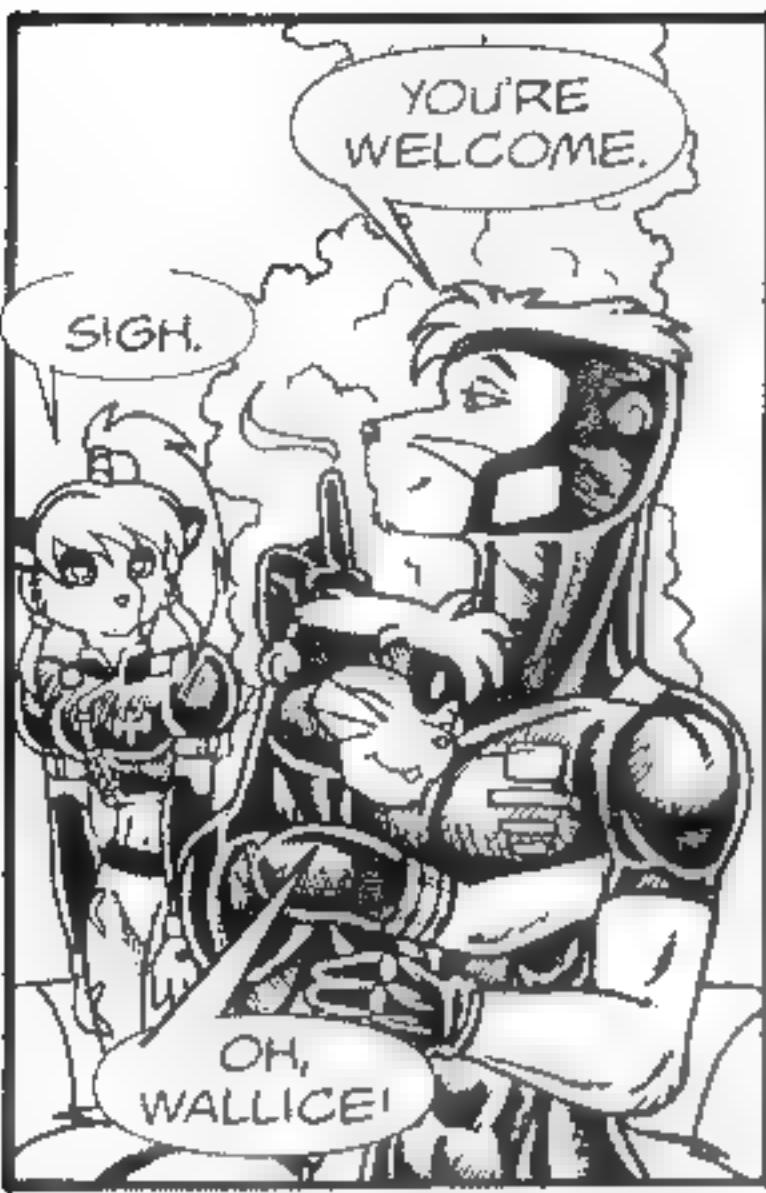
WHAT? HE  
DISAPPEARED!

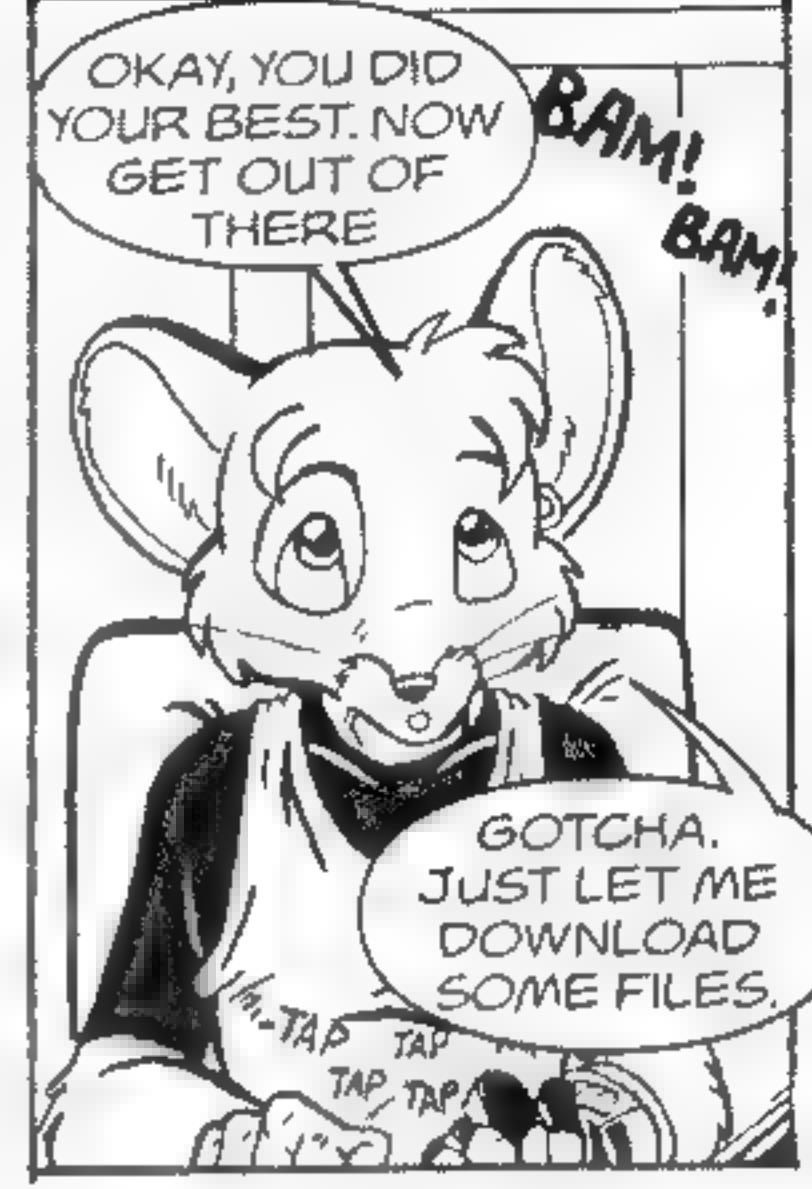
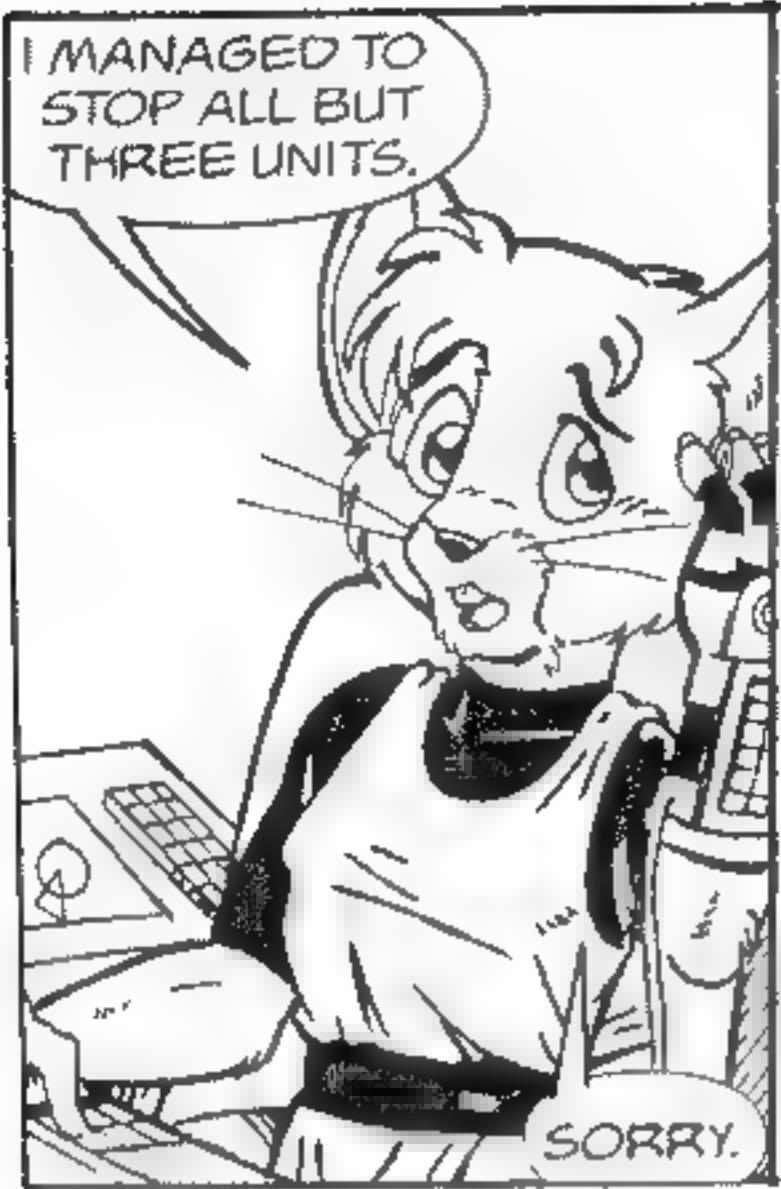
NO, NOT DISAPPEARED, BUT TELEJUMPED  
BEHIND YOU.

NOW, THAT SHOULD  
NEUTRALIZE YOUR  
THREAT.

PZIM!







THE SELF-DESTRUCT  
HAS BEEN ACTIVATED.



DO YOU THINK A  
MAKER WOULD RISK HIS  
LIFE ON AN  
EXPLORATIVE  
MISSION?



MAN SHALL ONCE AGAIN INHERIT THE EARTH!



NO!  
NO ONE ELSE WILL DIE!



NOT AS LONG AS WARFARE LIVES.



MEANWHILE TOPSIDE-

LOOK, WE DON'T HAVE  
MUCH TIME!

SCARLET, CEECEE,  
WITH ME!

RED, UMNUS, WALICE:  
TRY TO STOP THOSE  
ROBOTS!

GOTCHA,  
PHENIX

WE'VE GOT TO  
GET THOSE  
PRISONERS OUT  
OF HERE

COME ON GUYS, THOSE  
HUNTER ROBOTS HAVE A  
BIG HEAD START.

AND THE CITY'S ONLY  
TWO MILES AWAY

I'LL TELEJUMP WALICE  
AND MYSELF AHEAD.

HUH? HEY  
WAIT!

PZIM!

GEE, I REALLY  
FEEL USEFUL.

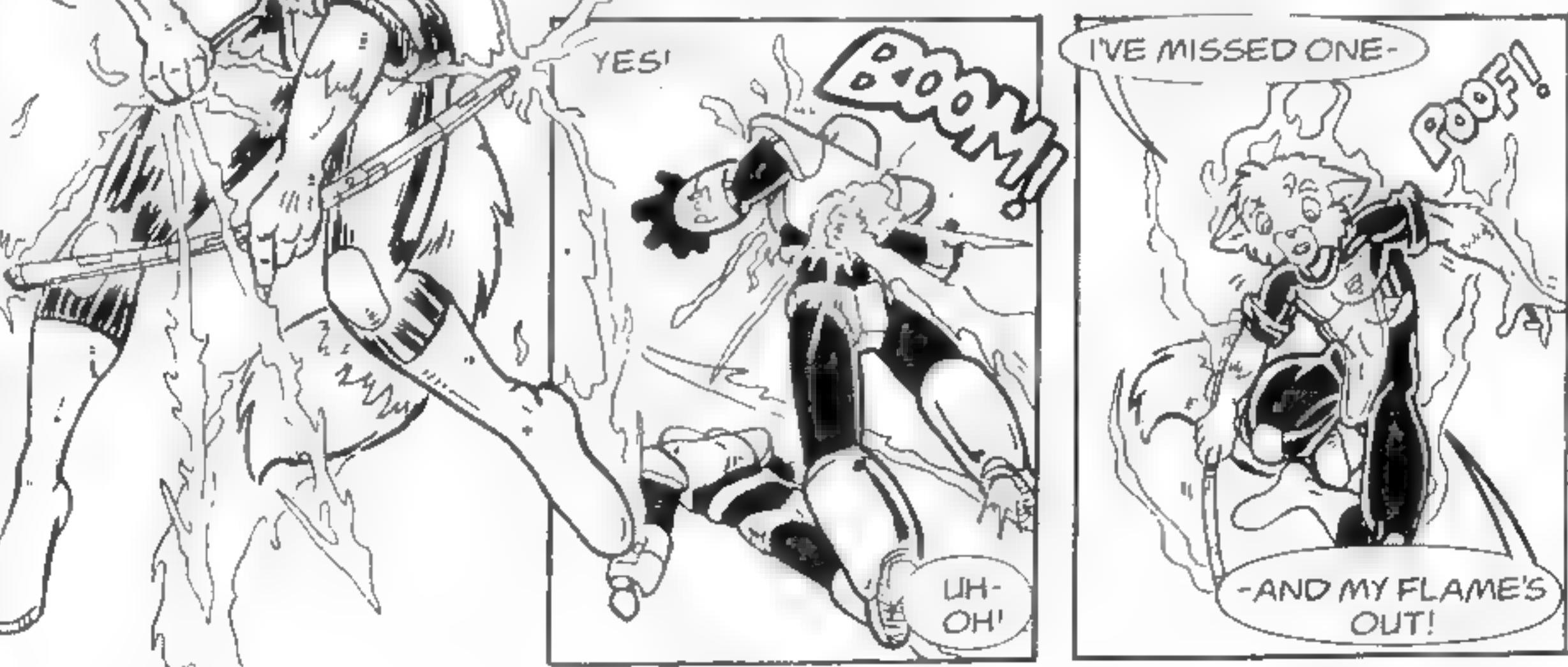
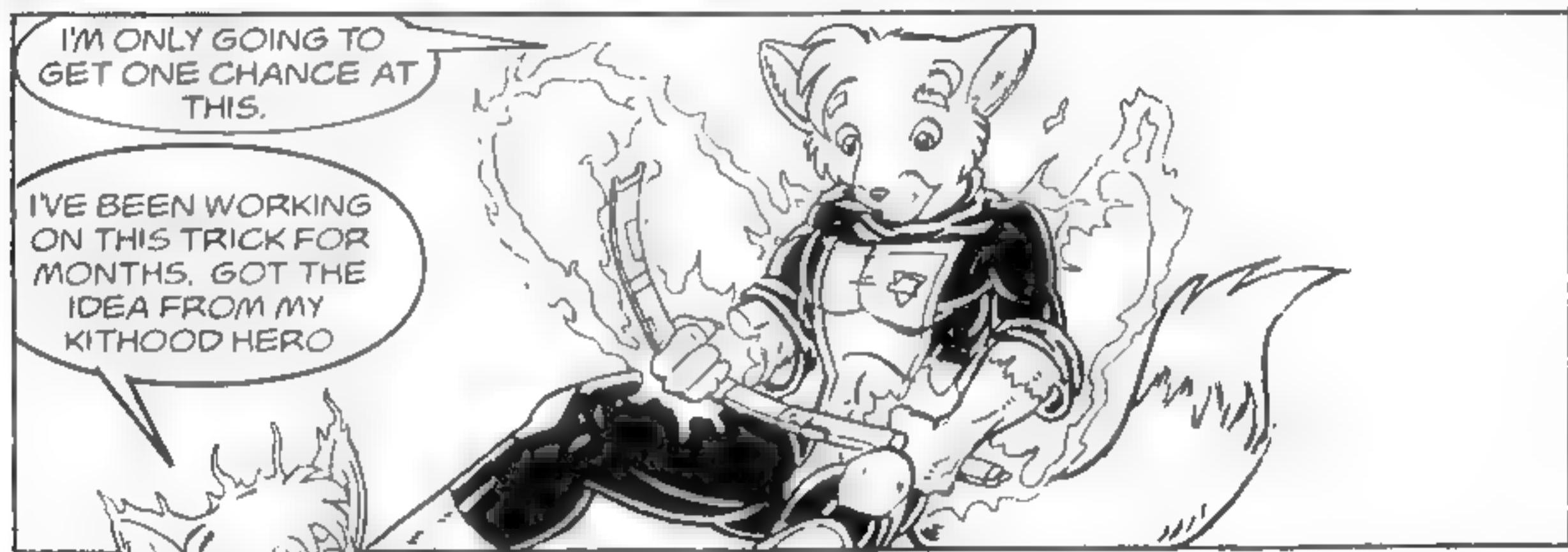
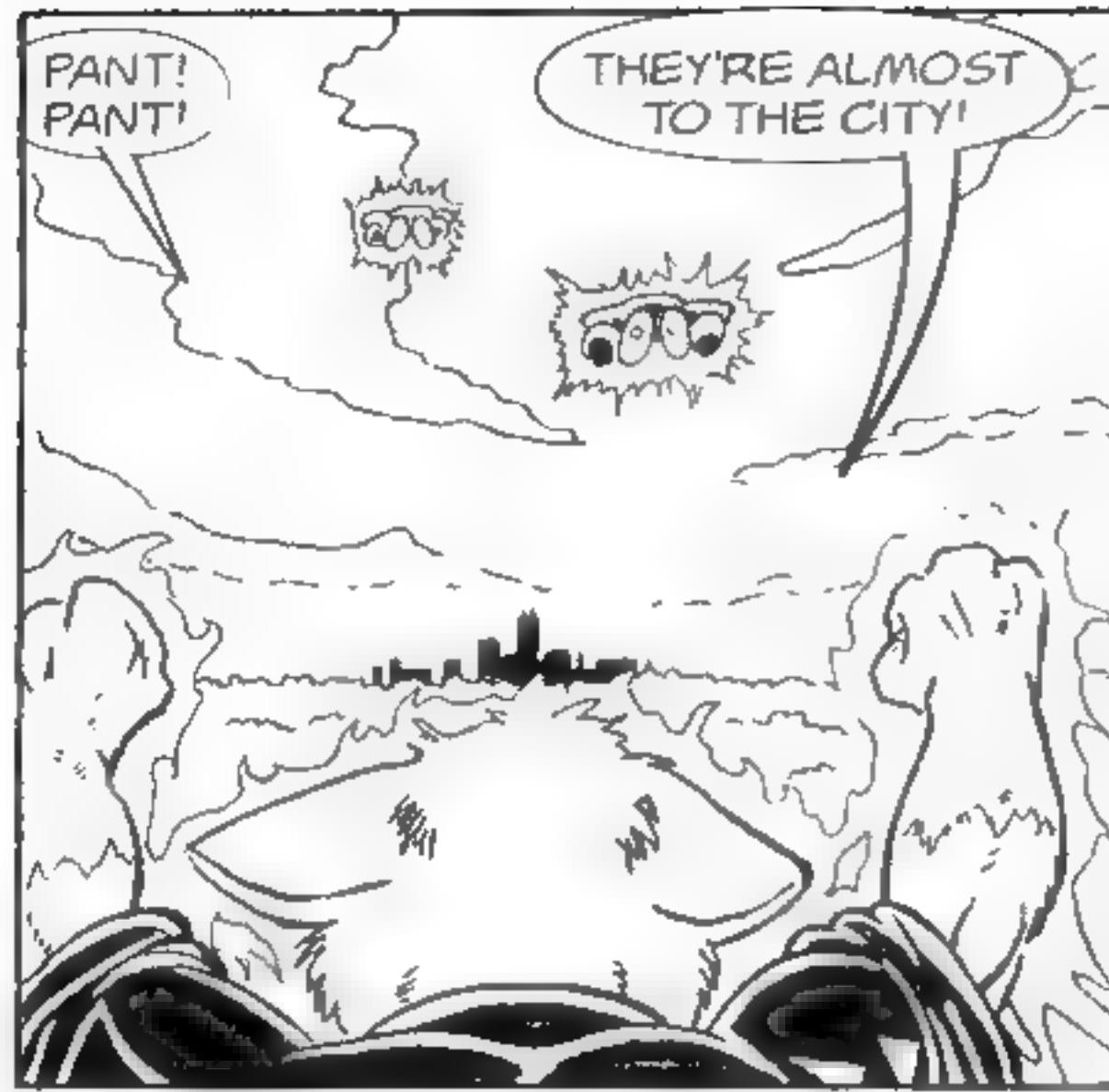
WISH US LUCK!

BE CAREFUL  
RED!









NEVER FIGURED  
IT'D END LIKE  
THIS.

SORRY  
SCARLET.  
I LOVE...

YOOOO-  
ACK!

GRAB

TAKE A LOAD  
OFF, MATE.

YER  
BACKUP'S  
HERE

HI RED!

SORRY WE'RE LATE. IT  
WAS KINDA HARD  
REMEMBERING WHERE  
THE COMPOUND WAS.

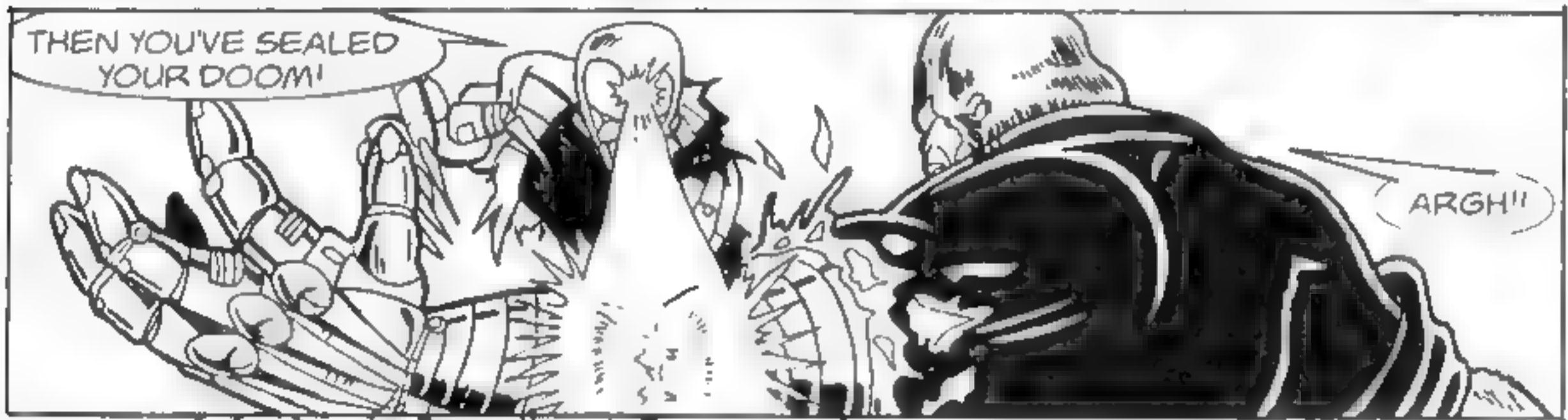
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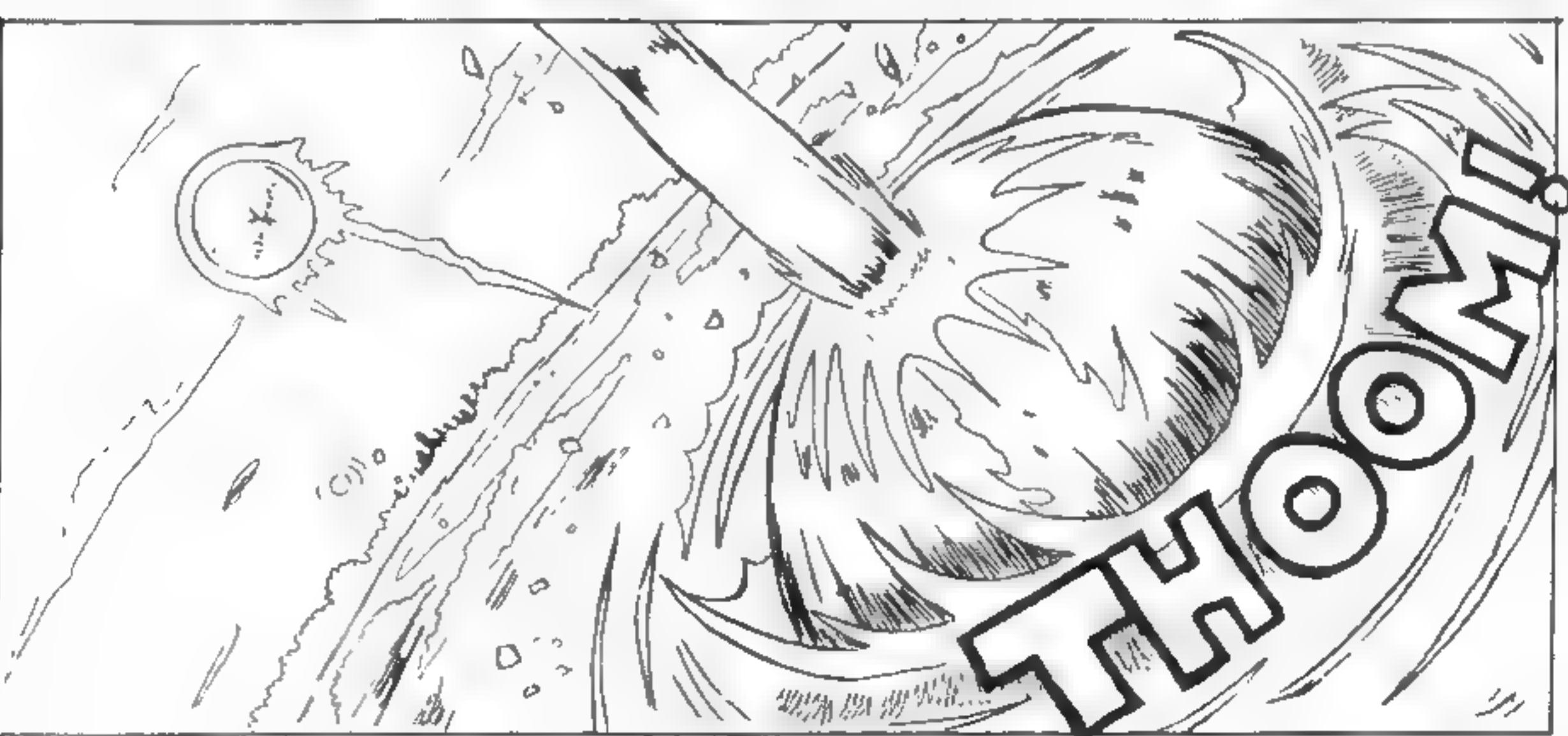
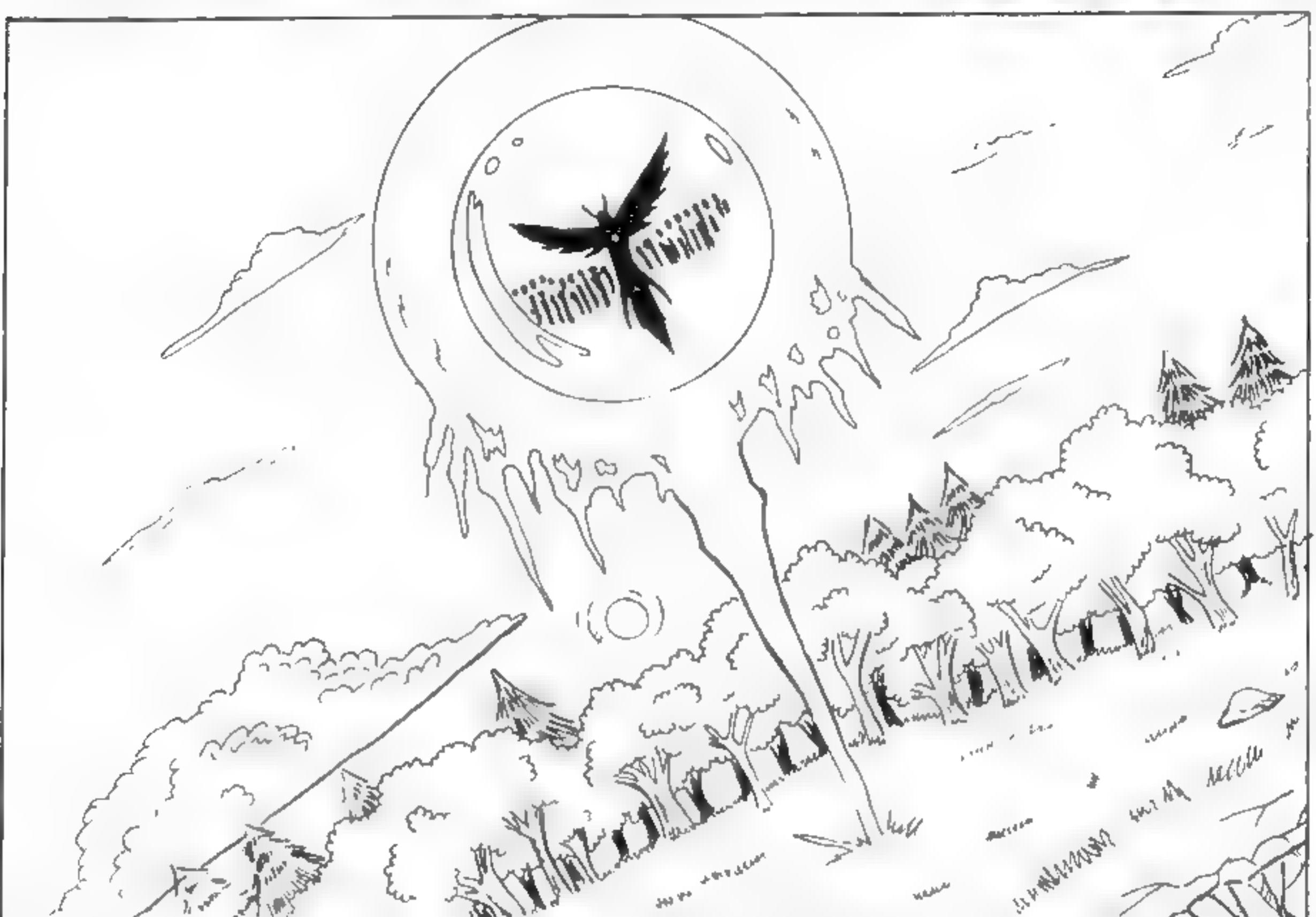
TISHA, ILLAROO.  
TAKE ERICA AND HER  
FRIEND BACK TO THE  
COMPOUND.

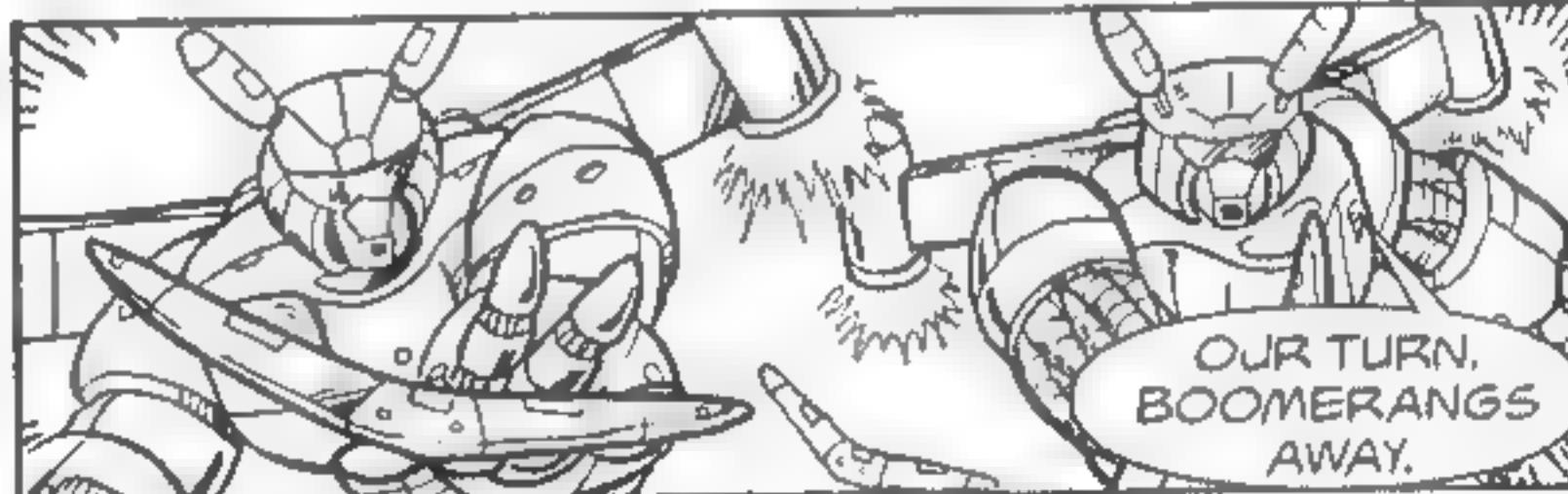
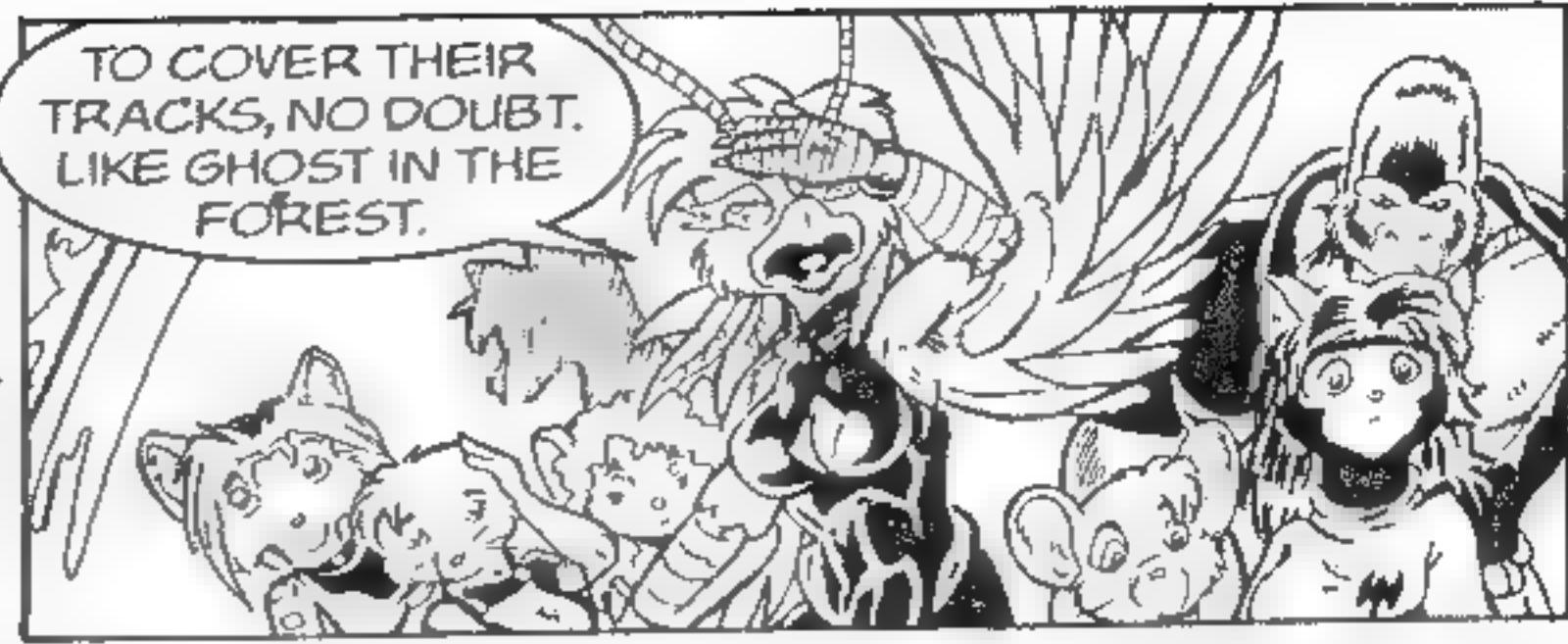
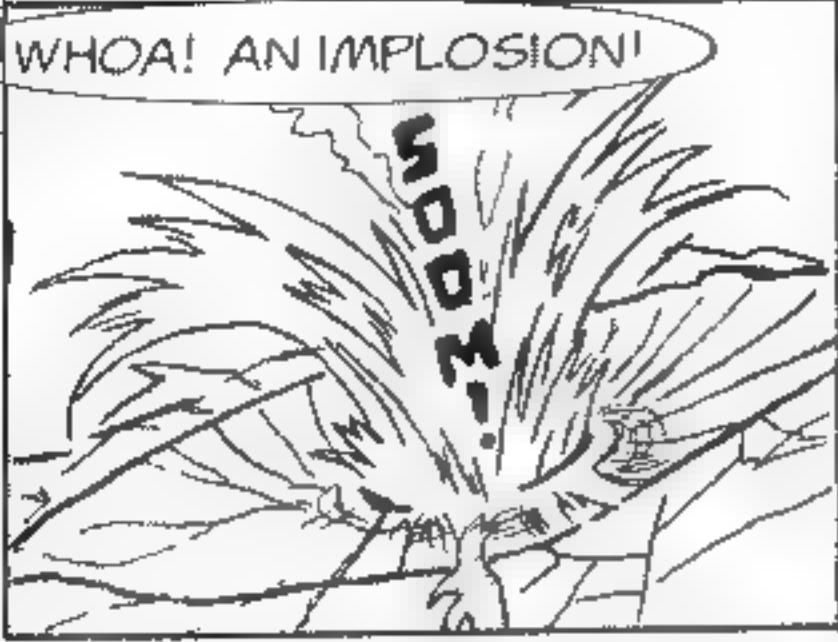
TINA AND THOMAS,  
YOU'RE WITH ME.

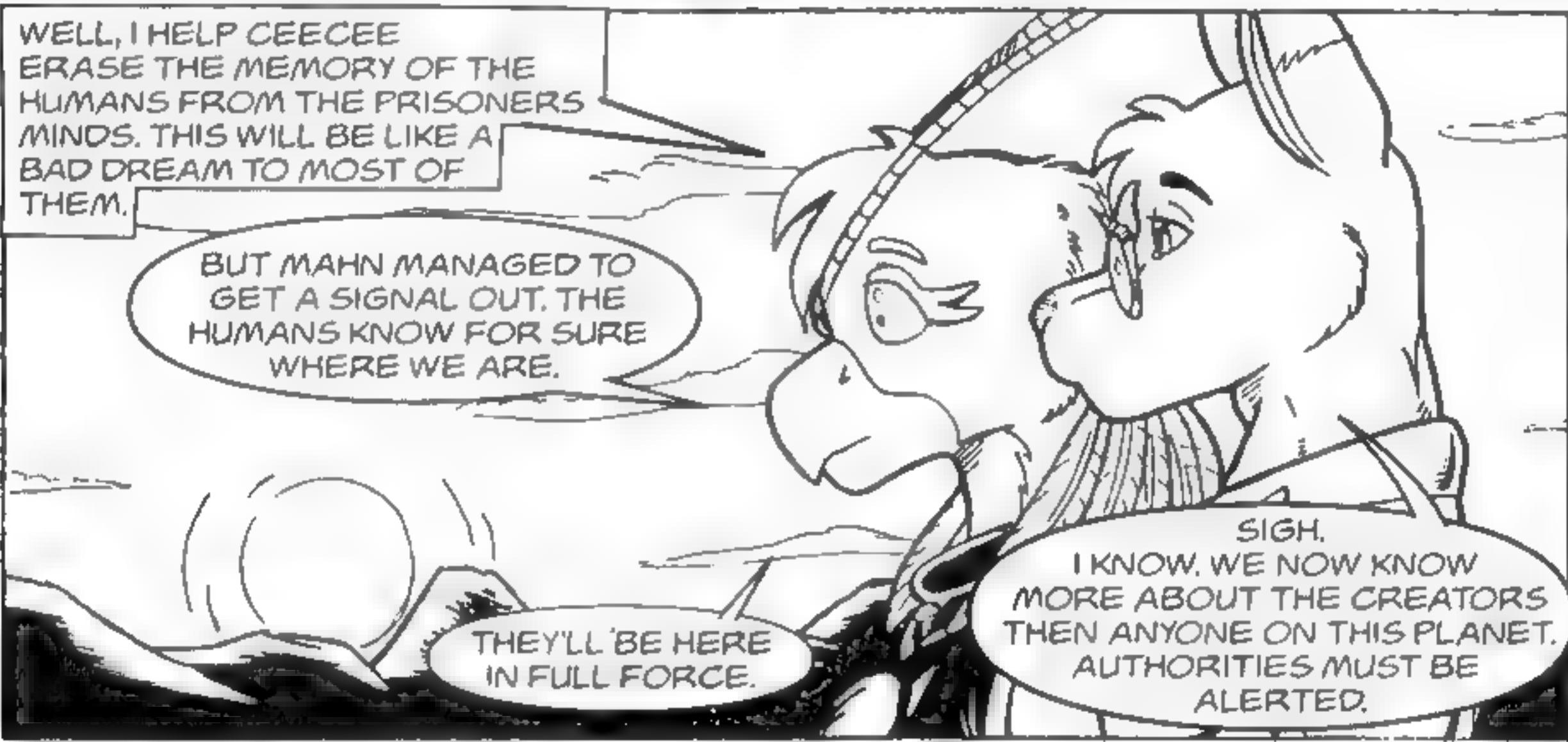
CHECK, RYAN.











WELL EVERYONE, I'D LIKE TO SAY  
THAT YOU ALL DID A GREAT JOB IN THE  
FACE OF IMPOSSIBLE ODDS.

BUT I MUST ASK OF SOMETHING  
MORE THAT COULD CHANGE  
YOUR VERY LIVES.



WHILE WE'VE HALTED THE HUMAN  
THREAT, WE'VE BY NO MEANS  
STOPPED IT. THEY ARE COMING  
AND THEY DON'T SEEM VERY  
FRIENDLY ABOUT IT.

I HAVE SWORN TO PROTECT  
THIS WORLD, BUT I CAN'T  
DO IT ALONE.

SO WHO WANTS  
TO BE A HERO.

I HAVE MUCH TO  
MAKE AMENDS FOR.

I WILL FIGHT,  
FOR THE HONOR  
OF MY PEOPLE  
AND THIS WORLD.

I WANT TO HELP!  
I CAN BE USEFUL TOO!

I WILL FIGHT  
WITH YOU.







EPILOGUE---

SIR.  
WE'VE RECEIVED A  
TRANSMISSION FROM  
THE DRONE SCOUT  
TEAM.

REPORT STATES THAT  
THE PLANET'S

YES?

TERRAFORMING  
AND COLONY  
CONSTRUCTION  
IS COMPLETE.  
IT ALSO APPEARS  
THAT THE BIO-  
WEAPON

PROGRAM CODENAMED  
"HYBRID", WAS ALSO  
SUCCESSFUL.

HOWEVER, THE SCOUT  
TEAM FAILED TO  
ESTABLISH A HOLD  
ON THE COLONY.

THE BIOWEAPONS  
HAVE REBUFFED ALL  
EFFORTS TOWARDS  
GAINING RECONTROL  
OF THE PLANET.

VERY WELL, COMMANDER  
DOWNLOAD ALL DATA  
TO MY PERCOM FOR  
EXAMINATION.

ESTIMATED  
ARRIVAL TIME?

ONE YEAR, CAPTAIN  
MAHN.

GOOD.

Maintain. Soon  
Earth will once again  
see the  
coming of man.